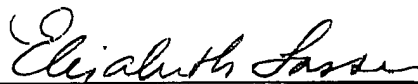


promoter encoded within the CFTR cDNA sequence. However, Collins is not entitled to a date prior to its September 18, 1990, filing date for such disclosures. In the September 1990, specification, Collins notes, "Early attempts to reconstitute a full length CFTR cDNA from overlapping clones were unsuccessful." [Collins at column 7, lines 59-60.] The Collins parent cases (all filed in August, 1989) merely disclose the deduced DNA sequence encoding the human CFTR protein from these three overlapping clones. As noted elsewhere in the record, Applicants have established dates prior to September 18, 1990, for these embodiments.

Based upon the interview summary record, it is believed that the instant application is in immediate condition for allowance. All outstanding rejections and objections have been addressed and overcome. Notification in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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